



Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 10/21/2024
Monday, August 19, 2024 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Community Center

Board Member Attendees:

Peter Beaumont (vice-president), Kevin Brandt (treasurer), Mary Coleman (secretary), Jeremy Resler (safety)

Program Attendees with Voting Rights:

Peter Beaumont (soccer), Kevin Drometer (softball), Jude Miron (basketball), Brad Yamanaka (baseball)

Program Attendees without Voting Rights:

Paul Zackery (lacrosse)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present

Approval of minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the July 2024 EVAA Board meeting.

The motion seconded and approved.

Background Checks

In order to potentially save costs and streamline background checks, it was discovered that EVAA's insurance policy can accept background checks conducted by national programs. Several sports within EVAA require a background check as being part of a national program (e.g. lacrosse) which could provide significant savings if properly implemented. Background checks could be tracked via SportsEngine but the exact method needs to be investigated further to ensure verification and to have a process in place if a coach gets flagged by another organization.

Program Highlights

Basketball

Registration for travel and in-house opened in June; there were ~220 that participated in tryouts for traveling. Registration numbers are similar to last year.

Baseball

The season is finished, but there will be a tournament in early August. There were no major issues this season, and planning for 2025 will take place at the September board meeting. Baseball is trying to find new board members, as well as a new program director; eleven parents have now volunteered to be on the board. There is need to amend the baseball bylaws as new program directors must first serve as assistant program director for a year prior to serving as program director for 2 years, and then another year as assistant director, which is a considerable time commitment.

Lacrosse

It was a successful season that included tournaments at the end. A U12 and U14 state tournament was held at Eastview High School (EVHS) which they would like to repeat in the future. At the end of the season, there was a joint equipment swap with hockey, and lacrosse would like to work with basketball on



a future equipment swap. A shortened fall season has started, then the board will plan for winter clinics which will hopefully include a couple of clinics with EVHS. Box and field lacrosse will take place in the spring, and a regular season will take place again in the summer.

Football

Registration is now closed, all teams are assigned and are in their first week of practice. There is concern about the new league, Metro South 6, with stacking teams. There are 2 tackle teams each for grades 6-8, and one each for the younger kids, but flag football still has strong participation with elementary children. The football board is still in need of a treasurer.

Softball

The summer season is over and registration is open for fall. Softball will host the Under the Lights Tournament again at Lac Lavon. As the transition from slow to fast pitch can be difficult, the program tries to ease this transition by having the focus of fall be developmental. There will be a new program director this fall, and there are 23 members on the board.

Soccer

There are 510 players this fall season, and there are strong numbers particularly for pre-k/kindergarten. There are 2 new board members, including a new treasurer. Soccer is looking at potential sponsorships, i.e. a shirt or field deal. All games for the season have referees assigned, and the zero-tolerance policy for harassment of referees is a major contributing factor.

Financial Update

Programs need to warn the EVAA treasurer if their credit card expenses come close to \$3,000. Lacrosse lost \$19,000 worth of equipment due to a fire, and the program was not covered by insurance (they are now). It is proposed that the other EVAA program help contribute to cover the \$19,000 loss.

Operations/Finance Committees

It was suggested that the top 5 programs nominate a person from their board (not to include the program director) to serve on each committee. There are enough representatives for the Finance Committee, and their first order of business is going through the program budgets.

Sponsorship

There are no formal guidelines about sponsorship; decisions have been made by the board adhoc. Softball is considering sponsorship; soccer and football have been sponsored in the past. Going forward, there will be guidelines in place to ensure programs have guidance on how to proceed with potential sponsors.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:43pm.